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New York, 12-16 April 1993

DRAFT REPORT

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development held its organizational session at United Nations Headquarters from 12-16 April 1993. The Committee held ... meetings and a number of informal meetings.

2. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, who read a message from the Secretary-General to the Preparatory Committee.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 12 April 1993, the Chairman made an introductory statement.

B. Attendance

4. The following States were represented: Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Guyana, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

5. Palestine was represented by an observer.

6. The United Nations Development Programme was represented.

7. The following specialized agencies were represented: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, World Bank/International Fund for Agricultural Development.

8. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, Latin American Economic System.

C. Election of officers

9. At the 1st meeting, on 12 April 1993, the Preparatory Committee elected Mr. Juan Somavia (Chile) Chairman of the Committee by acclamation.

10. At the 4th meeting, on 14 April 1993, the Preparatory Committee decided that the Bureau of the Committee would comprise a Chairman and nine Vice-Chairmen, one of whom would serve as Rapporteur. The Preparatory Committee also decided that Denmark would serve as ex officio member of the Bureau in the capacity of Vice-Chairman. At the same meeting the Committee elected by acclamation Cameroon and Zimbabwe from the African States, India and Indonesia from the Asian States, Poland from the Eastern European States, the Netherlands and Australia from the Western European and other States, and Mexico from the Latin American and Caribbean States.

11. At the ... meeting on .. April 1993, the Committee elected by acclamation ... from the Eastern European States.

D. Adoption of the agenda

12. At the 1st meeting, on 12 April 1993, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document A/CONF.166/PC/1, which read as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Preparations for the World Summit for Social Development.

4. Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee.

5. Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee.

E. Preparations for the World Summit for Social Development

13. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 3 at its 2nd to ... meetings, from 13 to ... April 1993. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretariat on the consideration by the Commission for Social Development of the World Summit for Social Development and its preparatory process (A/CONF.166/PC/2);

(b) Note by the Secretariat on suggested guidelines concerning the appropriate contribution of organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and others to the preparations for the Summit (A/CONF.166/PC/3);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the mobilization of voluntary resources for the World Summit for Social Development (A/CONF.166/PC/4).

14. The Preparatory Committee held a general discussion of the item at its 2nd to 4th meetings, on 13 and 14 April 1993.

15. At its 2nd to 4th meetings, on 13 and 14 April 1993, the Committee heard statements by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Economic Community and its member States), Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, Philippines, Bangladesh, Russian Federation, Peru, India, Chile, Cameroon, Canada, Australia, Austria, Pakistan, Indonesia, New Zealand, Cuba, China, Côte d'Ivoire and Sri Lanka.

16. Statements were also made by the representatives of the World Health Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

17. A statement was made by the representative of the United Nations Development Programme.

18. The representative of the Latin American Economic System also made a statement.